

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 18, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2570

Introduced by Assembly Member Skinner

February 21, 2014

An act to amend Section 6141 of the Penal Code, relating to prisons.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2570, as amended, Skinner. Prisons: California Rehabilitation Oversight Board.

Existing law requires the California Rehabilitation Oversight Board to regularly examine the various mental health, substance abuse, educational, and employment programs for inmates and parolees operated by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and to report to the Governor and the Legislature on March 15 and September 15 each year, as specified, including findings on the effectiveness of treatment efforts and recommendations with respect to modification, addition, and elimination of rehabilitation and treatment programs.

This bill would additionally require the ~~board to regularly examine the health care programs for inmates and parolees operated by the department, and make reports, findings, and recommendations as described above.~~ *board, beginning January 1, 2015, to examine the department's effort to assist inmates and parolees obtain postrelease health care coverage.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 6141 of the Penal Code is amended to
2 read:
3 6141. The California Rehabilitation Oversight Board shall meet
4 at least quarterly, and shall regularly examine the various mental
5 health, ~~health care~~, substance abuse, educational, and employment
6 programs for inmates and parolees operated by the Department of
7 Corrections and Rehabilitation. *Beginning January 1, 2015, the*
8 *board shall examine the department's effort to assist inmates and*
9 *parolees obtain postrelease health care coverage.* The board shall
10 report to the Governor and the Legislature biannually, on March
11 15 and September 15, and may submit other reports during the
12 year if it finds they are necessary. The reports shall include, but
13 are not limited to, findings on the effectiveness of treatment efforts,
14 rehabilitation needs of offenders, gaps in rehabilitation services
15 in the department, and levels of offender participation and success
16 in the programs. The board shall also make recommendations to
17 the Governor and Legislature with respect to modifications,
18 additions, and eliminations of rehabilitation and treatment
19 programs. In performing its duties, the board shall use the work
20 products developed for the department as a result of the provisions
21 of the 2006 Budget Act, including Provision 18 of Item
22 5225-001-0001.

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